

bring the hospital to its current size of 165 beds. Today, Newton Memorial is a state-of-the-art medical center providing inpatient and outpatient services to more than 140,000 residents of Sussex and northern Warren counties. With more than 150 physicians and 800 employees, it treats nearly 10,000 patients a year and its maternity ward delivers more than 1,000 babies.

The hospital this week marks the completion of the final phase of its latest expansion, a three-phase program conducted over the past year. Phase III included the construction of a fourth operating room and expansion of the three existing operating rooms. The earlier work included 18 new ambulatory surgical units and an upgrade of cardiac rehabilitation facilities.

I have always tried to reflect the priorities of my constituents. We in America have always put health and safety first. Here, on this occasion, we see that principle in action. Mr. Speaker, a local hospital is one of the most important and fundamental essential services a community offers, as vital as a police or fire department of infrastructure such as water, sewer and roads. Newton Memorial Hospital has gone far beyond providing its patients with "basic" services. It is a first-class medical center where area residents can rest assured they will receive the finest medical treatment available.

Our Nation has always set the highest priority on the most advanced medical care in the world. Newton Memorial is maintaining its position as one of the fundamental foundations of that health care system.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FEB-
RUARY 1, 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 409 which honors the contributions of Catholic schools.

As the delegate from Guam, it gives me great pleasure to speak in support of this resolution. Guam has a long and rich history of Catholicism since the arrival of Spanish missionaries in 1668. There are ten Catholic schools in Guam, serving thousands of families. In fact, three of my five children have attended Catholic schools on Guam. Moreover, nearly half of my staff are graduates of the Catholic school system.

Catholic schools provide a valuable education to more than 2.5 million of our nation's student population. Catholic schools often provide a broad value-added, education and shape the life long development of moral, intellectual, physical and social values in its students.

Over the years, different kinds of Catholic education has been provided in Guam, from the traditional "eskuelan pale" (Catechism classes, which taught basic literacy in Guam for 275 years) to today's modern facilities

briefing high quality, challenging education to Guam's youth. Today, approximately 4,000 of Guam's children attend Catholic schools.

We have had many religious orders and countless lay teachers provide educational guidance and opportunities since the end of World War II when a formal Catholic school system was established. The Sisters of Mercy, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Dominicans, Franciscans, Mercedarians, the Jesuits and the Missionary of Berriz have all served to educate Guam's Catholic school children. There are currently ten Catholic schools in Guam, including: Notre Dame High School, Academy of Our Lady of Guam, Father Duenas Memorial School, Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School, Mount Carmel School, Saint Anthony School, Saint Francis School, San Vicente School, Santa Barbara School, and Dominican School.

I would like to thank my colleague, Mr. Schaffer, for his leadership in introducing this resolution and I would like to commend all Catholic schools, students, parents, teachers, administrators and Catholic Schools Superintendent Sr. Jean Ann Crisostomo in Guam and all Catholic schools throughout the nation. Furthermore, I would like to extend my congratulations to the Archbishop Antonio Apuron and Archdiocese of Hagatna for leadership in providing excellence in education and the moral well-being of the children in Guam.

I strongly urge your support of House Resolution 409.

HONORING JOSEPH "JERRY"
PATCHAN UPON HIS RETIRE-
MENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE EX-
ECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S.
TRUSTEES

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 7, 2000

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my distinguished colleague, JERROLD NADLER, the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law of the Committee on the Judiciary, in expressing our many good wishes on the occasion of Joseph "Jerry" Patchan's retirement on February 11, 2000 as director of the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees.

Jerry Patchan's 45 years of service in the public and private sectors is truly commendable. Highlights of his distinguished career include his service as an officer in the U.S. Navy during the Second World War. During that service, he participated in the D-day invasion at Normandy and saw action in the Pacific theater. In 1969, he was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Ohio and served on the bench for more than 6 years. Thereafter, he served on the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States from 1978 to 1991. Later, Jerry became deputy general counsel of the Resolution Trust Corporation, where he helped resolve complex matters involving hundreds of millions of dollars arising out of our Nation's savings and loan crisis.

In 1994, Jerry assumed the leadership of the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees, a component of the Justice Department that supervises the administration of bankruptcy cases nationwide. As a result of his guidance and leadership, the U.S. Trustee Program has revitalized its mission and has undertaken innovative solutions to the many challenges presented by administering literally millions of bankruptcy cases. He has shared his wise counsel on bankruptcy matters with our subcommittee on numerous occasions, for which we are most appreciative.

In addition to his many work-related responsibilities, Jerry taught bankruptcy law in Ohio, was a member of the faculty of the National Bankruptcy Seminar at the Federal Judicial Center, and has frequently lectured at bankruptcy law seminars around the country. He authored the Practice Comments to Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure from 1973 to 1991 and published numerous articles on bankruptcy law. Most recently, he was named one of the 50 most influential people in credit by Credit Today, an industry newsletter.

Jerry is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a member of the Ohio and the District of Columbia Bar Associations. He has chaired the Cleveland Bar Association's Bankruptcy and Commercial Law section from 1984 through 1986. He also is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the American Judicature Society, and the American Bankruptcy Institute.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge Jerry Patchan's lifelong contributions as a public servant, an attorney, trustee, jurist academic and writer. We ask our colleagues to do the same.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 9

9 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the dairy pricing system.

SR-328A

10 a.m.
Budget
To continue hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001.

SD-608

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine loan guarantees and rural television service.

SD-628

Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the rising cost of college tuition and the effectiveness of the Federal financial aid.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Trade Commission.

SR-253

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine U.S. foreign policy priorities.

SD-419

Environment and Public Works
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-406

2 p.m.

Governmental Affairs
International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the national intelligence estimate on the ballistic missile threat to the United States.

SD-342

Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 10

9 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the findings of the President's working group's report on Over the Counter Derivatives Markets and the Commodity Exchange Act.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services
To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Governmental Affairs
To continue hearings to examine the rising cost of college tuition and the effectiveness of the Federal financial aid.

SD-342

Judiciary

Business meeting to markup H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures; S. 1638, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty; and S. 1172, to provide

a patent term restoration review procedure for certain drug products.

SD-226

Finance

To hold hearings on the implications of the Seattle Ministerial on trade policies.

SD-215

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on S. 1797, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land conveyance to the City of Craig, Alaska; S. 1192, to designate national forest land managed by the Forest Service in the Lake Tahoe Basin as the "Lake Tahoe National Scenic Forest and Recreation Area", and to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe Basin; S. 1664, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah; S. 1665, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange; H.R. 2863, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah; H.R. 2862, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange; and S. 1936, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other National Forest System land in the State of Oregon and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes.

SD-366

Budget

To hold hearings on spectrum auctions, technology, and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001.

SD-608

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for foreign aid, and to review U.S. foreign policy.

SD-419

Appropriations

Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Agriculture.

SD-138

1:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific on the current situation in East Timor.
2123, Rayburn Building

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Immigration Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine enhancing border security.

SD-226

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on Russian intelligence activities directed at the Department of State.

SD-419

FEBRUARY 11

10 a.m.

Budget

To resume hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001.

SD-608

FEBRUARY 22

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the Administration's effort to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 23

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for Indian programs.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on activities of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK).

SR-253

10:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the White River National Forest Plan.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 24

9 a.m.

Small Business

To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Army Corps of Engineers.

SD-406

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the the Department of Commerce.

SD-138

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2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 1722, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any 1 State; H.R. 3063, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State; and S. 1950, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 to ensure the orderly development of coal, coalbed methane, natural gas, and oil in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming and Montana.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 29

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending committee business.

SR-485

MARCH 1

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings on the National Association of Public Administrators' Report on Bureau of Indian Affairs Management Reform.

SR-485

MARCH 2

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of State.

S-146, Capitol

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2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the United States Forest Service's proposed revisions to the regulation governing National Forest Planning.

SD-366

MARCH 7

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-192

MARCH 15

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on the proposed Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

SR-485

MARCH 21

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

S-146, Capitol

MARCH 23

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-

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ministration of the Department of Commerce, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

S-146, Capitol

MARCH 29

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band.

SR-485

APRIL 5

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 612, to provide for periodic Indian needs assessments, to require Federal Indian program evaluations.

SR-485

APRIL 19

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups.

SR-485

POSTPONEMENTS

FEBRUARY 10

10 a.m.

Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine e-commerce, federal policies, and consumer protection.

SD-192